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SENATE BILL

No. 661

Introduced by Senator Migden

February 22, 2005

An act to add and repeal Section 89241 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 661, as amended, Migden. Public postsecondary education: California State University: pilot program for financial aid for student athletes.

Existing law establishes the public postsecondary education system in California. Among the segments of public postsecondary education in the state is the California State University, which is administered by the Trustees of the California State University.

This bill would establish a pilot program to monitor student athlete academic progress that involves 6 campuses selected by the trustees and that commences in the 2006–07 academic year. The pilot program would include a maximum of *10 student athletes, representing a maximum of 2 varsity sports teams* per participating campus. Under the pilot program, a first-year student athlete meeting prescribed criteria, including receipt of a full or partial athletic scholarship, would receive a student financial aid package containing specified benefits, including coverage of the costs of enrollment of up to 4 summer sessions and coverage of the costs of enrollment after the student athlete has exhausted his or her athletic eligibility and is within a prescribed number of units of graduation.

The bill would require the trustees to track the academic progress of the student athletes participating in the pilot program, and to include prescribed data about these student athletes, along with any findings and recommendations of the trustees, in a report to the Legislature to be submitted on or before July 1, 2011.

The bill would require the trustees to fund the pilot program with a combination of general purpose revenues, alumni donations, and the proceeds of any campus fees that the students on a participating campus may authorize for the purposes of funding the pilot program.

The bill's provisions would be repealed on January 1, 2012.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the
2 graduation rates for student athletes are considerably lower than
3 the general student population. It is the intent of the Legislature
4 to establish the best academic standards for student athletes by
5 providing a fair opportunity for them to earn their college
6 degrees.

7 SEC. 2. Section 89241 is added to the Education Code, to
8 read:

9 89241. (a) The trustees shall select six campuses to
10 participate, commencing in the 2006–07 academic year, in the
11 pilot program established by this section. ~~The eligible members~~
12 ~~of~~ *Up to 10 eligible student athletes, selected by the trustees or*
13 *their designee, who shall represent a maximum of two varsity*
14 *sports teams per participating campus shall be involved in the*
15 ~~pilot program~~, *shall be involved in the pilot program. The*
16 *selection and participation of campuses, sports teams, and*
17 *students for the pilot program shall be accomplished in a manner*
18 *that is consistent with the requirements of Title IX of the federal*
19 *Education Amendments of 1972, as it is amended from time to*
20 *time. The Legislature encourages the trustees to select, for each*
21 *participating campus, the varsity sports teams with the lowest*
22 *graduation rates, but leaves the organization of the pilot program*
23 *established by this section to the discretion of the trustees.*

24 (b) In order to be eligible for participation in the pilot program
25 established by this section, a student athlete who is a member of

1 a varsity sports team selected pursuant to subdivision (a) shall
2 meet all of the following criteria:

3 (1) He or she shall agree to participate in the pilot program for
4 a four-year period or until he or she graduates from, or otherwise
5 ceases to be enrolled at, that campus or ceases to be a member of
6 the participating varsity sports team, whichever occurs first.

7 (2) He or she shall be a first-year student, commencing with
8 the 2006–07 academic year, and shall not have been enrolled at
9 another postsecondary educational institution prior to the campus
10 he or she currently attends.

11 (3) He or she shall be the recipient of a full or partial athletic
12 scholarship.

13 (c) In addition to his or her athletic scholarship, a student
14 athlete who meets all of the requirements set forth in subdivision
15 (b) shall receive, under the pilot program, a student financial aid
16 package that includes both of the following:

17 (1) Financial assistance that covers the actual costs of the
18 student's tuition, fees, and books for up to 8 units per summer
19 session for a maximum of four summer sessions.

20 (2) Additional financial assistance *that covers the actual costs*
21 *of the tuition, fees, and books* for a participating student athlete
22 for a maximum of one semester, or two quarters, if that student
23 athlete is within 15 semester units or 16 quarter units of
24 graduation after the student athlete's four-year period of athletic
25 eligibility has ended.

26 (d) (1) The trustees shall track the academic progress of the
27 student athletes who participate in the pilot program commencing
28 with the 2006–07 academic year. The trustees shall monitor the
29 number of courses taken and the grade point averages of the
30 participating student athletes, as well as whether and when these
31 students graduate. The university shall compare the graduation
32 rates of the participating varsity sports teams before and after the
33 commencement of the pilot program. The trustees shall conduct a
34 survey of the students, coaches, and athletic administrators who
35 are involved in the pilot program.

36 (2) The trustees shall compile the data required by paragraph
37 (1), and submit the data, on or before July 1, 2011, along with
38 any findings and recommendations that they make with respect to
39 the pilot program, as part of a report to the Legislature.

1 (e) The trustees shall fund the pilot program established by
2 this section with a combination of general purpose revenues,
3 alumni donations, and the proceeds of any campus fees that the
4 students on a participating campus may authorize for the
5 purposes of funding the pilot program.

6 (f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,
7 2012, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
8 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2012, deletes or extends
9 that date.